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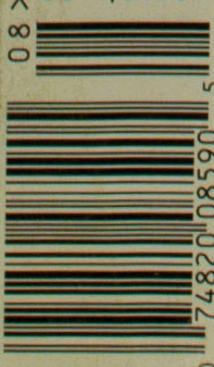
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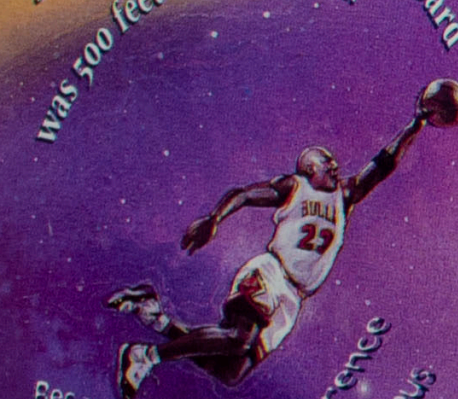
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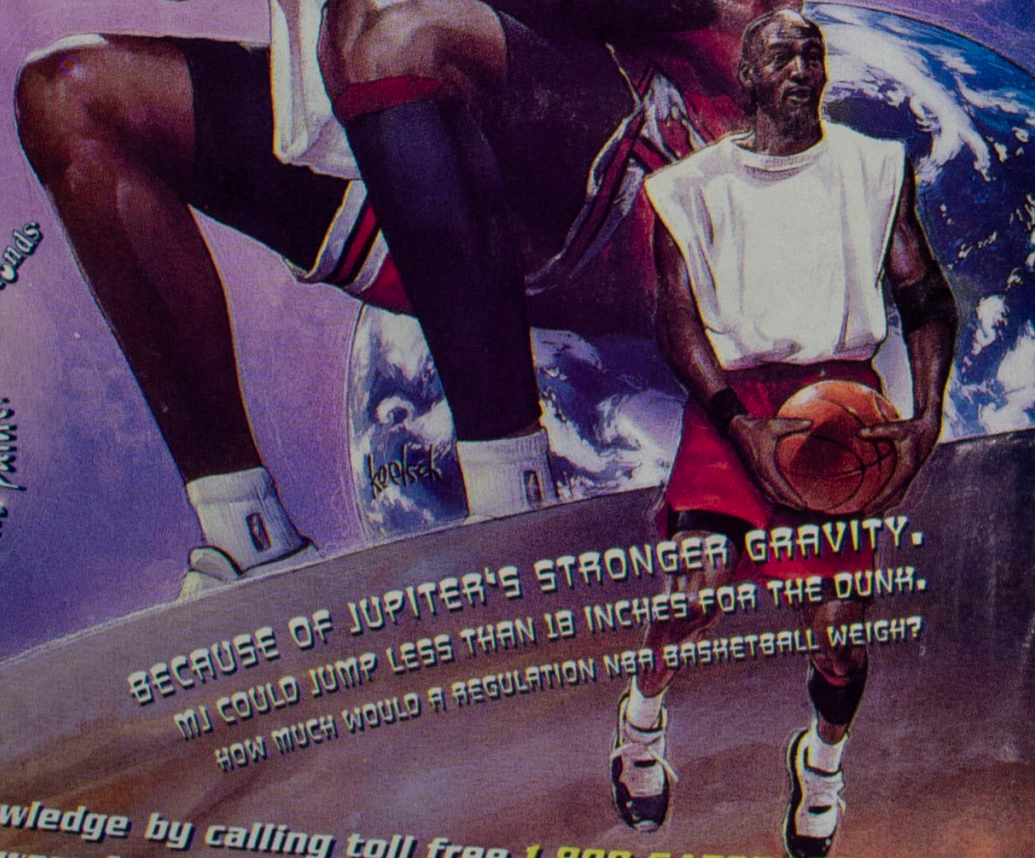


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## Letters to the Editors

Dear Nick Mag,  
I know you just moved "Say What?" away from the Answers page, but can you move it away from "Ruffing It"?

Many kids, many ages  
Many towns, many states

Dear Kids,  
We're really sorry to make you tear out "Ruffing It." If you don't want to rip up the magazine, you can write your "Say What?" entry on a separate piece of paper and send it to us that way. (See page 5 for a "Say What?" tip.)

Dear Nick Mag,  
Do you have a lot of mailboxes or one gigantic mailbox? If you have one gigantic one, how big is it?

Maeve B., age 11  
Powhatan, Virginia

Dear Maeve,  
We don't have a mailbox—we have a mailroom on the 37th floor. Twice a day, at 7:30 AM and 11 AM, the mailroom staff gets a huge mail delivery. They sort it and bring it around to each Nickelodeon department in red carts. Our mail carrier's name is Rashid (above). We usually get a few hundred letters a day, but some days we get as many as 4,000!



Dear Nick Mag,  
You did a clothing issue and an animal issue. Now could you do a food issue?

Allison S., age 10  
Eatontown, New Jersey

Dear Allison,  
It figures, someone from Eatontown would want a food issue. But we'll see what we can cook up for you.

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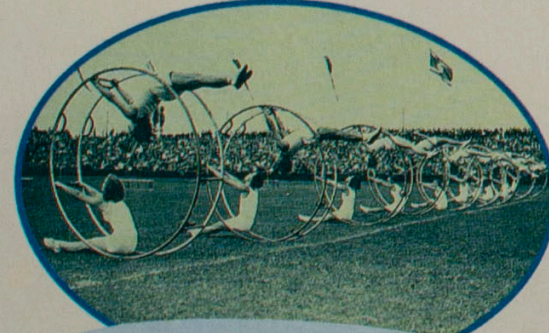


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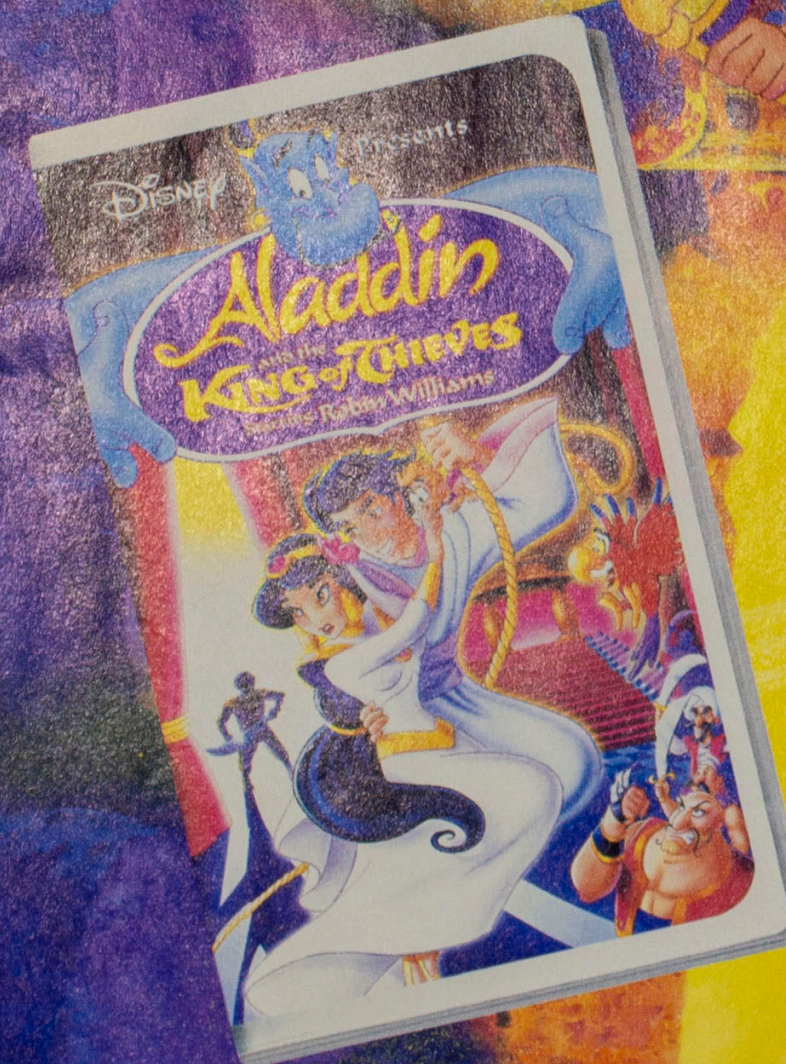
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## WHATEVER WE WANT

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- The Weather Channel is showing reruns.
- Your shadow is wilting.
- Cops are arresting people for sweating bullets.
- The carnival's fire-eater is on a diet.
- The sprinkler has hung out a sign that reads GONE FISHIN'.
- Sunflowers are seeking shade.
- People are boiling spaghetti in swimming pools.
- Not only can you fry an egg on the sidewalk, but you can also make hash browns, a side order of bacon, and toast.

What about a hot dog?



You'll hear this song a million times.  
**Anthem** some!

As you watch the Olympics this summer, you're sure to hear the Olympic anthem more than a few times. Here are some lyrics so you can sing along.

Sing this while you watch the events.

(the kettledrums:)  
Boom boom ba boom boom  
Boom boom ba boom boom  
(sing:)

They're burning calories  
While we lie around  
Like big lumps-watch-ing-our-TVs.  
They sweat and they exert,  
While we stare ahead  
Pigging out-on-ma-ny-des-serts.

Sing this during the closing ceremonies.

(the kettledrums:)  
Boom boom ba boom boom  
Boom boom ba boom boom  
(sing:)

The Games are now complete.  
Oh, what shall I do?  
No more ath-letes-to-watch-com-pete.  
How can I wake my foot?  
It's fallen asleep  
And the-torch-flame-has-gone-ka-put!



### Spell What?

When reading "Say What?" entries, we've noticed a little confusion over the correct spelling of a certain word. Can you pick the correctly spelled nose-related word from the list below? Only the Answers Page nose for sure (page 58).

- |           |            |             |             |
|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. bouger | 2. bugar   | 3. bürger   | 4. bergiere |
| 5. booger | 6. berger  | 7. bogar    | 8. bugger   |
| 9. boogar | 10. burger | 11. beaugre | 12. boger   |



by David Lewman

What do you call a competition for baby sheep?  
The *Olam*bpics.

What do you call a competition  
to see who can harvest the most  
citrus fruit?  
*The Olime-picks.*

What do you call a competition to see who makes the worst gravy?  
The *Olympics*.

Which Olympic event did the cow enter?  
The Decathlon.

Which event was her favorite?  
The *Herdles*.

How did she do?  
She won a gold *moodal*.

Why was the caterpillar disqualified from the 100-Meter Backstroke? Halfway through, he changed to a butterfly.

Did you hear about the stupid Olympian?  
He was so proud of his gold medal,  
he had it bronzed.

Why did the stupid Olympian spin  
around in a circle?  
He wanted to set a *whirled* record.

What did the police officer say to the Olympian?  
“May I see your diver’s license?”

What do you call an Olympian who's never on time?  
An *athlate*.

What do you call two Olympians who can't swim?  
*Sinkronized swimmers.*

What did the Greek fire  
say to the Olympic  
flame?  
"Be sure to keep in  
*torch.*"

Where do Olympians go  
between grade school and high  
school?  
*Medal school.*

What do badminton losers play?  
Worseminton.

Which Olympic event did the leaf enter?  
Greco-Roman *Rustling*.

Which Olympic event did the potato enter?  
The 100-Meter *Mash*.



Which Olympic event did the  
poison ivy enter?  
The 100-Meter *Rash*.

Which Olympic event did the sanitation worker enter?  
The 100-Meter *Trash*.

Which Olympic event did Miss Muffet enter?  
*Wheylifting.*

Are you sure  
it wasn't the  
High Curdles?







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our town are very \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is so confident about getting the go-ahead to host the Olympics that we have

started building \_\_\_\_\_ Village—a state-of-the-art facility featuring a dome-

enclosed, \_\_\_\_\_-foot-tall \_\_\_\_\_, an Olympic-size \_\_\_\_\_ing pool, and bleachers

that also double as a \_\_\_\_\_.

Athletes and visitors will find lots to do in town. For one, there's our world-famous \_\_\_\_\_ Rodeo.

Also, there are beautiful hiking trails in the \_\_\_\_\_ Hills, where there are breathtaking views of

wild \_\_\_\_\_s laying their \_\_\_\_\_s. Our natural wonders are \_\_\_\_\_, with scenery that

makes visitors \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_s.

Please consider us, \_\_\_\_\_ is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_

and not nearly as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_. You'll discover that we live up to our

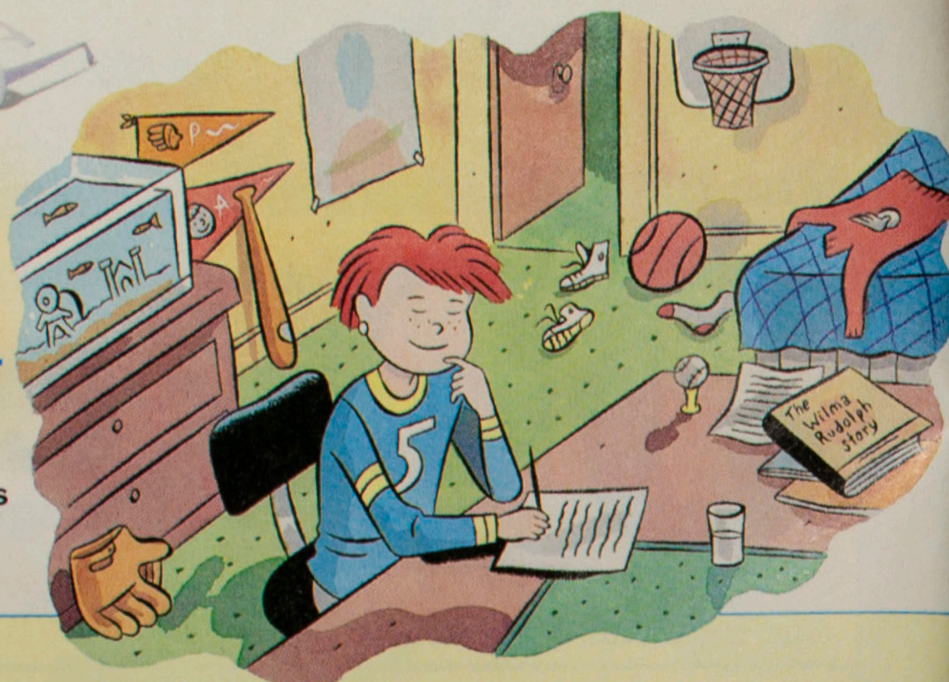
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# SWEAT SEARCH

How well do you know official Olympic events?

by Stacey Bowers

## ROUND ONE OLD SPORTS

Check the 12 sports that used to be official Olympic events.

- ☐ Motor Boating
- ☐ Miniature Golf
- ☐ Croquet
- ☐ Tap Dance
- ☐ Kick Ball
- ☐ Super Heavyweight Break Dance
- ☐ Tug of War
- ☐ Stone Throw
- ☐ 56-Pound Weight Throw
- ☐ Trampoline Toss
- ☐ Rope Climbing
- ☐ Club Swinging
- ☐ Dueling Pistol
- ☐ Hopscotch
- ☐ Swimming Obstacle Race
- ☐ Plunge for Distance
- ☐ 10,000-Meter Stilt Race
- ☐ 100-Meter Freestyle for Sailors
- ☐ Underwater Swimming

## ROUND TWO NEW SPORTS

Check the seven sports that are new official Olympic events in 1996.

- ☐ Team Freeze Tag
- ☐ Mixed Doubles Badminton
- ☐ 4 x 400-Meter Scooter Relay
- ☐ Women's Soccer
- ☐ 56-Pound Dodgeball
- ☐ Team Synchronized Swimming
- ☐ Online Surfing
- ☐ Cross-country Cycling (Mountain Biking)
- ☐ Rhythmic Skateboarding
- ☐ Women's Softball
- ☐ 4 x 100-Meter Sack Race
- ☐ Team Juggling
- ☐ Beach Volleyball
- ☐ Crab-walk Soccer
- ☐ Women's Team Rhythmic Gymnastics
- ☐ Underwater In-line Skating

## THE FINALS REALLY, REALLY OLD SPORTS

Check the one sport that was not a part of the ancient Greek Olympics.

- ☐ Running
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Boxing

I once knew an ancient boxer.



Answers on page 58.



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Answers on page 58.




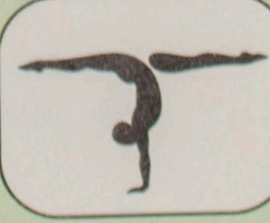
1. This sign means:


  - ☒ a. The Archery competition happens here
  - ☐ b. Wishbone-splitting area
  - ☐ c. Umbrella repair shop
2. This sign means:


  - ☐ a. Danger: Fast-moving flower deliverers in area
  - ☒ b. Modern Pentathlon site
  - ☐ c. Watch out for giant snowflakes
3. This sign means:

  - ☐ a. Toilet plungers removed here
  - ☐ b. Shish kebab for sale
  - ☒ c. Fencing competitions happen here
4. This sign means:

  - ☒ a. Synchronized Swimming occurs here
  - ☐ b. Reminder: Raise hand for the bathroom
  - ☐ c. All twins must register here
5. This sign means:

  - ☐ a. Handstanding room only
  - ☒ b. This way to the Gymnastics arena
  - ☐ c. Shop Tables 'R' Us and save
6. This sign means:

  - ☐ a. Caution: Slap-fest zone
  - ☒ b. Wrestling matches happen here
  - ☐ c. Patty-cake contest
7. This sign means:

  - ☐ a. Piggyback zone
  - ☐ b. This way to the pajama party!
  - ☒ c. Judo competitions take place here
8. This sign means:

  - ☐ a. Rhythmic Gymnastics meets here
  - ☐ b. National historic site: birthplace of Tinkerbell
  - ☒ c. Freestyle graffiti competition





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# FOOL'S GOLD

by David Lewman

Here are some ways to convince your friends that you've won an Olympic medal.

- 1 Wear a new shirt and tell people, "I bought it in Atlanta because it goes well with gold."
- 2 Under your shirt, wear a peanut butter jar lid on a ribbon.
- 3 Scratch your chest a lot. Then say, "Gold is *very* itchy."
- 4 Tell people, "I wish someone had warned me that gold sets off airport metal detectors."
- 5 If someone offers you a coaster, say, "No, thanks—I'll just use my medal."
- 6 When someone says you've got a heart of gold, smile while tapping your chest and tell them, "Well, you're close."
- 7 Change your last name to Joyner-Kersey.

**And remember:** If anyone asks what you won a medal for, make something up. For instance, tell them "Freestyle Greco-Roman Pentagon" or the "Modern Hip-hopathon." If they insist on actually seeing your medal, tell them you absentmindedly put it in a giant parking meter.



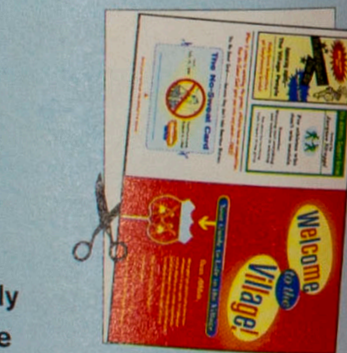
## YOUR GUIDE TO THE VILLAGE

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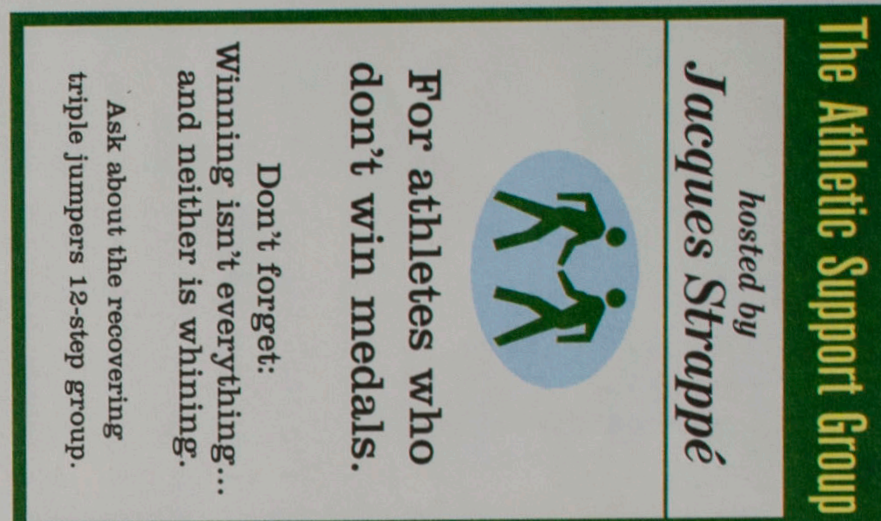
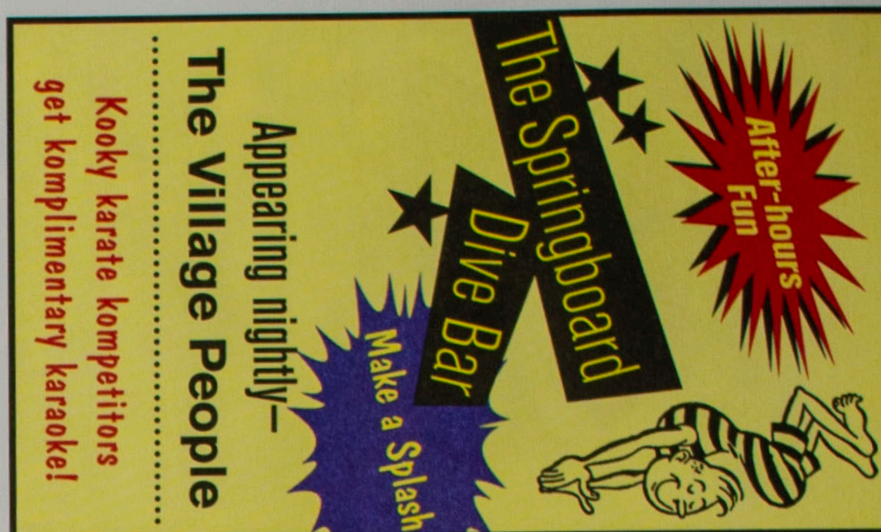
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# Welcome to the Village!

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Your Guide to Life in the Village

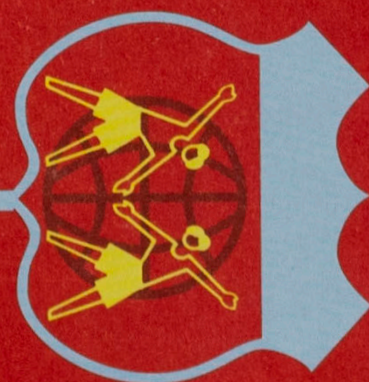
Dear Athlete,

We're glad you could come here from wherever it is you came. To make your visit to Atlanta a no-sweat experience, we've prepared this handy guide.

Now, let the brochure begin!

Yours in sweat,

Juan Antonio Samurái Deegan  
Gamesboy





## THE VILLAGE RULES

We want everyone to enjoy their stay in the Village.  
So please, for everyone's happiness and comfort, remember...

- Pole-vaulting into your room is not allowed. Use the elevator—it may not be faster, but it is safer.
- Accidents happen. So please do not practice your shooting, archery, or javelin throw on the Village green. Also, do not practice shot-putting while on the roof.
- No fencing with the fence—even if you're a fencer.
- Fighting is not permitted at any time—even if you're a boxer.
- No chicken fights in the pool.
- A special note to weight lifters: Gymnasts are people, not toys. Games of Toss-the-Gymnast are expressly forbidden.
- A special note to gymnasts: Weight lifters are people, not equipment. Please refrain from practicing your balance-beam routines on their arms.
- Curfew is midnight. Anyone caught sneaking in after lights-out will have to do 10 laps (pool or track to be determined).



Remember us,  
won't you?



Sam the Eagle  
Los Angeles, 1984

You took home the gold.  
They took home nothing.

After the fun and games  
are over, what does a mascot  
have to look forward to?  
Nothing. Unless you help.

Please give to the  
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You can turn the page. Or you can help.

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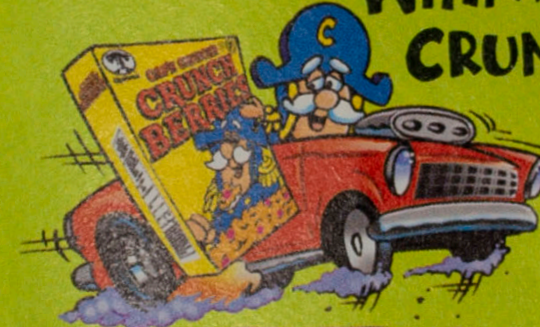
SO THERE I WAS  
GOING TO A COOL PARTY AT  
MY NEW SCHOOL...  
AND I DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY.  
I MEAN I WAS SHAKIN'  
IN MY SHOES!



THIS GUY'S NERVOUS!



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CRUNCH!



YOU MAY BE SWEATIN' IT  
NOW, JUST BE YOURSELF  
AND EVERYTHING'LL  
BE COOL!



THANKS CAP'N.  
NOW I'M READY FOR  
SOME SERIOUS FUN!

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# BRING HOME THE GOLD

by David Lewman

The Decathlon is the crown jewel of the Olympics. Over the course of two days, athletes compete in 10 track and field events. The contest is so challenging that the winner is known as "The World's Greatest Athlete."

You don't have to go to Atlanta to compete in a decathlon. Now, you can test yourself in your own home.

## Day One

### EVENT 1: FURNITURE-ATHON

VENUE: Living room

THE ACTION: Furniture-athoners compete to see who can go all the way around the living room without touching the floor.

YOUR SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ laps

### EVENT 4: HEAVYWEIGHT BAG CRAM

VENUE: Kitchen

THE ACTION: Competitors try to cram as many paper grocery bags as possible into the small space between the refrigerator and the cabinet. As this is the heavyweight event, no plastic bags are allowed.

YOUR SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ bags

### EVENT 2: GARBAGE BAG SHOT PUT

VENUE: Front yard

THE ACTION: Competitors see how far they can hurl a plastic garbage bag over-stuffed with lawn mower clippings.

YOUR SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

### EVENT 5: POWER SPIN

VENUE: Bathroom

THE ACTION: Competitors see how many squares of toilet paper they can spin off the roll with just one hit.

YOUR SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ squares

### EVENT 3: BEDTIME DELAY

VENUE: Living room

THE ACTION: Starting from the first "Isn't it somebody's bedtime?", competitors see how long they can avoid going to bed. Participants will be timed in three categories: Distraction, Whining, and Hiding.

YOUR TOTAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ hours, \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, \_\_\_\_\_ seconds

Are there both one- and two-ply events?



## Day Two

### EVENT 6: TRIPLE-BUBBLE BLOW

VENUE: Kitchen

THE ACTION: Using only straws and a tall glass of milk, competitors have three chances to make three standard bubble formations: the Foam, the Volcano, and the One Really Big Bubble.

YOUR SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ bubbles

### EVENT 7: ALL-AROUND CHANNEL-SURF

VENUE: Living room

THE ACTION: Competitors see who can surf around all the channels the fastest. (Note: The "control thumb" must clear the remote control's button between each change. Just holding it down is not permitted.)

YOUR TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, \_\_\_\_\_ seconds

### EVENT 8: SUPER-SLOW SUPPER

VENUE: Dining room

THE ACTION: A race to see who can take the longest to finish supper. Timekeepers mark each hour by saying, "C'mon—just one more bite." The event ends with the traditional "May I please be excused?"

YOUR TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ hours, \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, \_\_\_\_\_ seconds

### EVENT 9: ONE-METER DASH

VENUE: Closet

THE ACTION: A simple race from one side of the closet to the other. Hitting your head on more than three hangers results in disqualification.

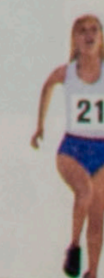
YOUR TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ tenths of a second

### EVENT 10: FREESTYLE COOKIE SNEAK

VENUE: Kitchen

THE ACTION: Competitors see how many cookies they can sneak out of the kitchen in one 24-hour period. (There is a five-cookie penalty for getting caught.)

YOUR SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ cookies





Episode 18

# The Animal Games

## Catlanta Diary

Ruffing It

Featuring Zelda Van Gutters, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Roving Reporter

**DAY 1** The day of the opening ceremonies, I interview Bernie Wicks, a firefly.



How does it feel to be the Official Flame at the Animal Games?

Zelda, I'm glowing with pride.

**DAY 3** I'm ringside at the gold medal boxing match, featherweight division, with Marcus F. Gooseberry.



My opponent, Egander Holyfield, hasn't shown up. I think he chickened out.

I think he's ducking you, champ.

**DAY 2** I see my first star, The Cream Team's Karla Moolone, at practice.



Are you a reporter for The New York Dairy News?

No, I'm from Nick Mag. Good luck, Karla. I'm sure you'll be udder-ly successful.

**DAY 4** I'm at the finals of the 100-Meter Dash. Tensions are running high among the runners.



Sorry to butt in, but I'm going to win, and I'm not kidding.

It's anybunny's race, but this time I'm really coming out of my shell.

You got lucky last time, Tortoise. But today, I've got my lucky rabbit's foot.

Can it, Billy! You don't talk trash, you eat it!

**DAY 5** I run into Lorna Thology. She has just lost the Egg Race.



I lost by a neck. I'm bury, bury upset.

Lorna, you should hold your head up high.

I can't. I'm stuck.

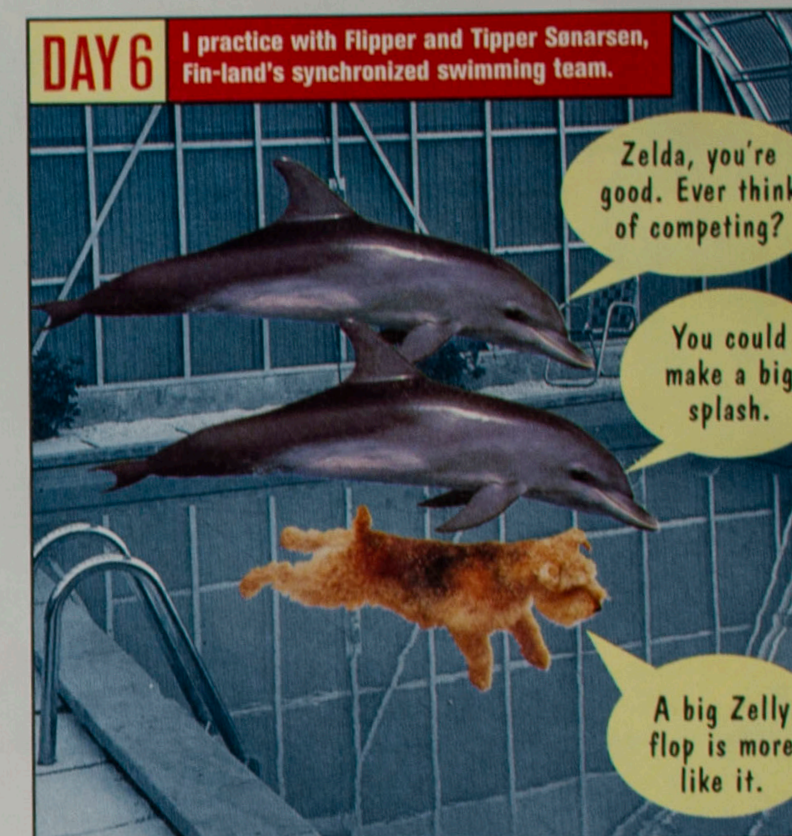
**DAY 7** I meet Mare Whinnnydam. It's her third time serving as the Official Gymnastic Pommel Horse.



Hay, Mare. Are you excited about tomorrow's mane event?

I'm tired of being saddled with this job. Why is everything always my vault?

**DAY 6** I practice with Flipper and Tipper Senarsen, Fin-land's synchronized swimming team.



Zelda, you're good. Ever think of competing?

You could make a big splash.

A big Zelly flop is more like it.

**DAY 8** Finally, the games draw to an end, and the Animal Games Official Flame is doused.



Whew! I'm glad these games are over.

Yeah, you must be really burned out.



...I was, too. But we'll do it again four years from now in Squidney, Australia.



Hey, 23! Slow down.





# Olympic

## LOW LIGHTS



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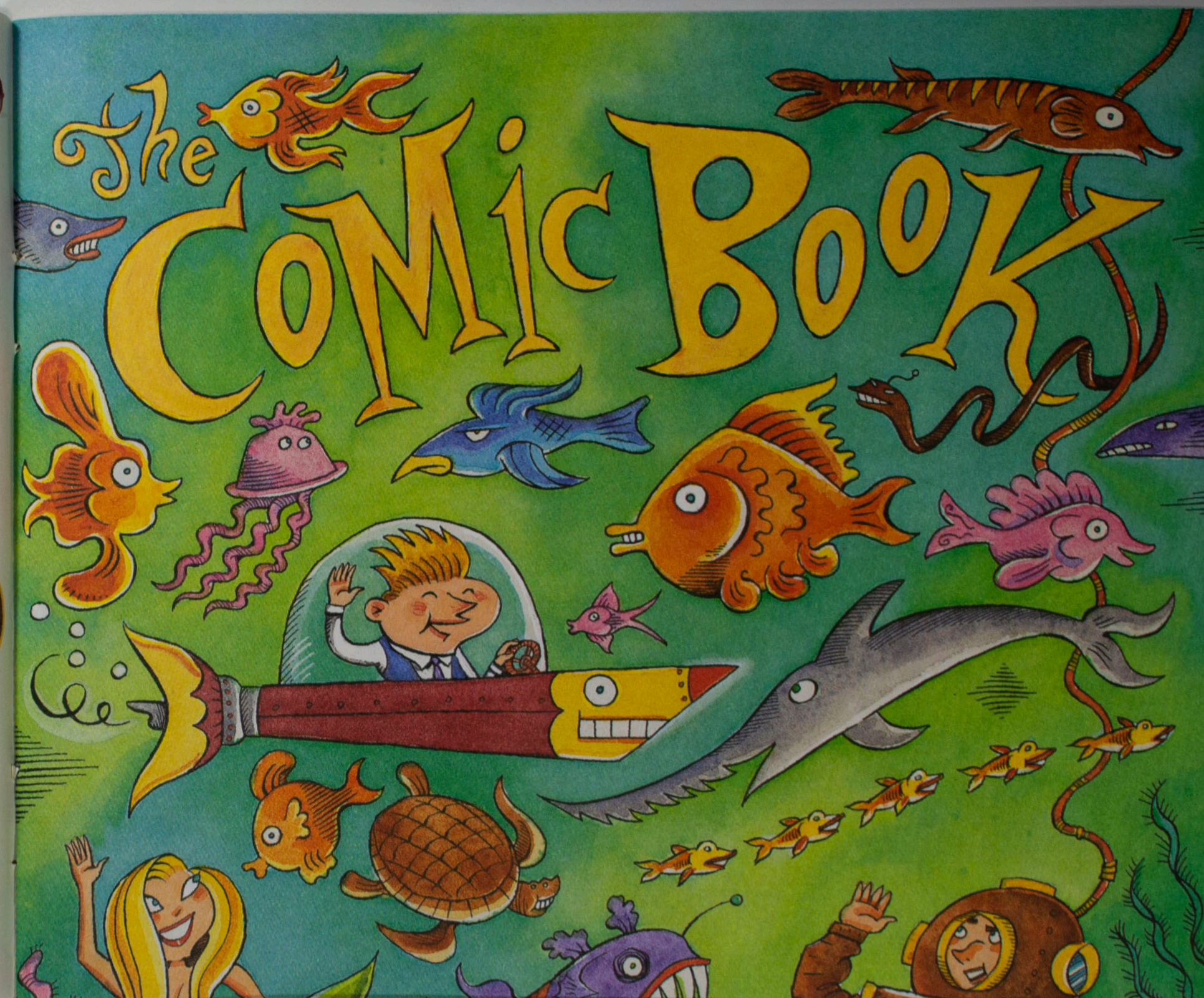
### MAKING THE CUT Melbourne, Australia, 1956

About one hour before the official weigh-in, American weight lifter Charles Vinci (being lifted, right) was one and a half pounds over the weight limit for his bantamweight class. For an hour, he ran around and sweated off more than a pound, but he was still several ounces too heavy to compete. Vinci quickly made the cut by cutting his hair. He went on to set a world record and win the gold with his new look.



### ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE Los Angeles, U.S.A., 1984

Everyone thought they saw Madeline de Jesus run the second leg of the 4 x 400-Meter Relay qualifying heat, helping the Puerto Rican team advance to the finals. But it was really her twin sister, Margaret. After Madeline was hurt in the long jump, she convinced Margaret, who was there as a spectator, to take her place. When Madeline's coach found out, he pulled the team out of the final race.



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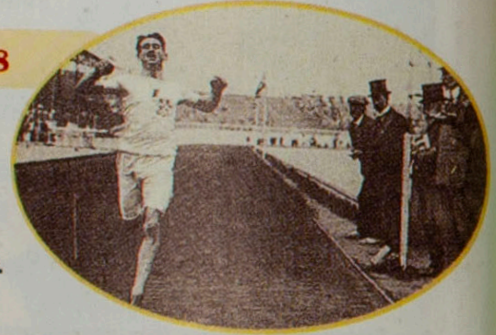
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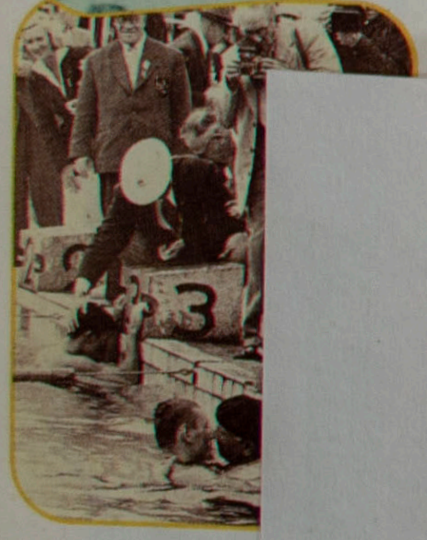
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I CAN'T DECIDE WHICH PICTURE I WANT TO BE IN.

3. YOU CAN USE JUST A FEW LINES...

4. ...OR GO CRAZY AND PUT IN TONS OF DETAILS.

IT'S TOO CROWDED IN THAT PANEL.

NOW THAT YOU GET THE IDEA, THE NEXT STEP IS TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BACKGROUND FOR THE STRIP YOU'RE DRAWING.

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WHY?

I'M AN ARTIST. I CAN DO WHAT I WANT!

HEY! THAT'S ME IN THAT DRAWING! WHERE AM I? WHAT'S MY BACKGROUND?

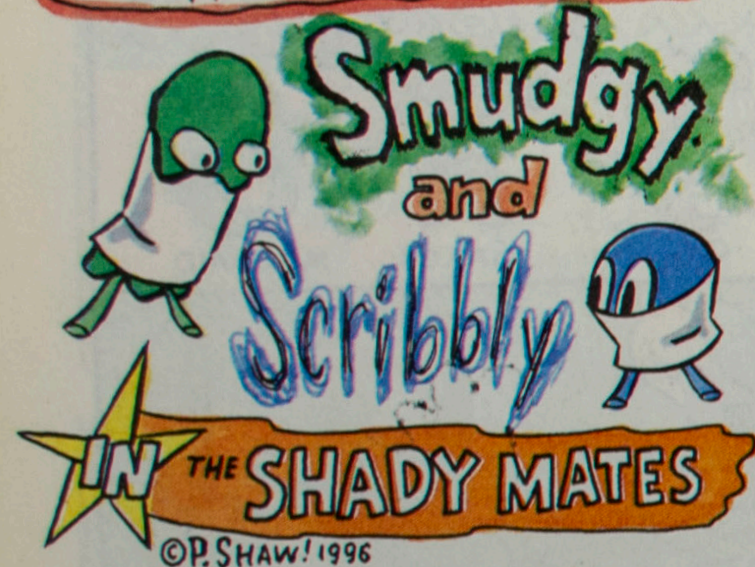
DRAW A BACKGROUND FOR ME.

HAPPY CARTOONING!

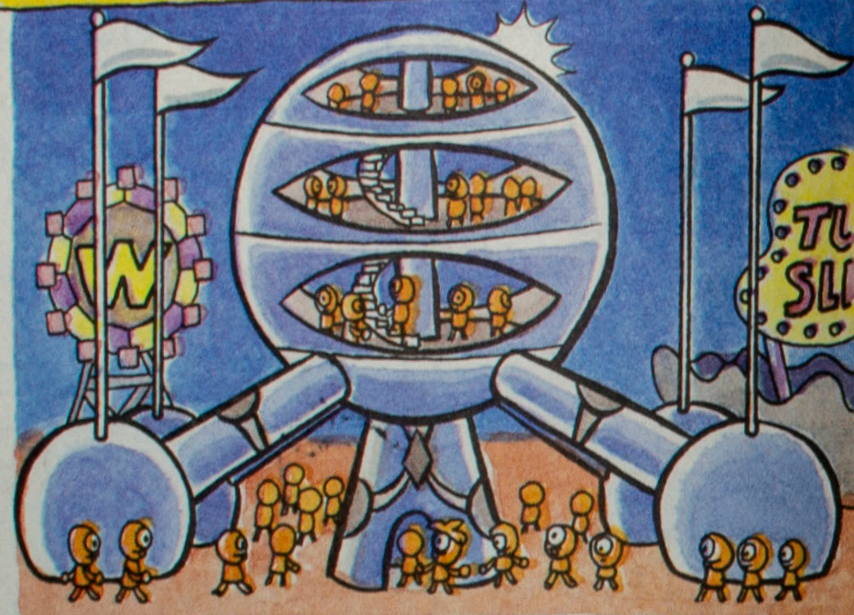
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Missed a spot there, Shady!

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Want to see more of the fair?



NOT FAR AWAY.



WAH! Drop bottle!

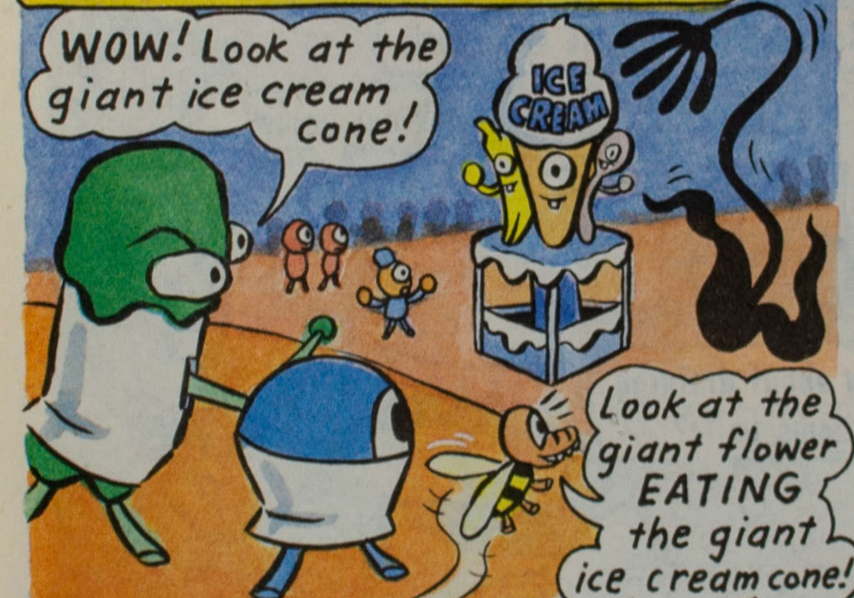
LOOK!

THE GIANT FLOWER'S SHADOW RISES AT THE CHILD'S COMMAND.



Ooooooh! I want BIG CONE!

JUST THEN, SMUDGY, SCRIBBLY, AND DOG BEE ARE WALKING BY.



WOW! Look at the giant ice cream cone!

Look at the giant flower EATING the giant ice cream cone!

TO STOP THE RECKLESS SHADY MATE, SMUDGY ANIMATES THE SHADOW OF ANOTHER FLOWER.



RISE UP! I order you to wrap yourself around that WILD SHADOW.

THE TROUBLEMAKER IS NOW UNDER CONTROL.



Now that's what I call FLOWER POWER.

GREAT JOB! Now just HOLD TIGHT.

It will all be over at sunset.

THAT NIGHT ON THE NEWS:



Everyone wants to know Mr. Smudgy, who stole your secret formula?

It's a MYSTERY. We may never know who did this or why!

Ooooooh, SHINY BOTTLE!

THE END



# TOO MANY MONSTERS SPILL THE BROTH

Welcome, students, to our course, "Use Your Noodles." I'm the instructor, Chester Colander, and today I'm going to show you how to make a delightful dish—Spaghetti With Three Cheeses.

I'd prefer Mega Maggot Medley with a side of drool.

Here are my three chunks of choice—Limburger, Gorgonzola, and Danish Blue.

Boil and drain some spaghetti.

Look out below!

How about draining some boils?

Wow! They smell worse than I do!

Be daring when it comes to dairy! Sprinkle lots of grated cheese on top!

It's awful hot in here.

Oooh...good...like a bed of nice, squishy worms.

Spice it up with oregano, parsely flakes, and...halt! Where's the salt?

Here it is!

Thank you... AAAHH!!! A MONSTER!

Got anything stale to eat around here?

Students! Run for your lives! Our geese are cooked!

That was a four-star scare.

I think human food is monstrous.

Anyone care for some moldy cheese?









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7 It's still National Foot Health Month Check your insoles.	8 The Edge, U2 guitarist, born, 1961 Look sharp.	9 Klondike Gold Rush begins, 1896 Mine your own business.	10 Great American Duck Race in Deming, New Mexico Get up at the quack of dawn.	11 Cal Ripken Jr., baseball player, born, 1960 He won't take today off.	12 National Foot Health Month ends Step into September.
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<p>4 Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of England, born, 1900 Mum's the word.</p>	<p>5 Chocolate Festival begins in New Brunswick, Canada How sweet.</p>	<p>6 Alfred, Lord Tennyson, English poet, born, 1809 Tennyson anyone?</p>	<p>7 Mata Hari, spy, born, 1876 Don't have a bad Hari day.</p>	<p>8 The Edge, U2 guitarist, born, 1961 Look sharp.</p>	<p>9 Mosquito Awareness Week begins in Walcott, Arkansas What's all the buzz about?</p>	<p>10 Elvis Week begins in Memphis, Tennessee Long live the King.</p>
<p>11 Fireworks Convention begins in Muskegon, Michigan Make your day sparkle.</p>	<p>12 Republican National Convention begins Dole be a lot to see.</p>	<p>13 Annie Oakley, markswoman, born, 1860 She wasn't just Annie-body.</p>	<p>14 It's still National Foot Health Month Check your insoles.</p>	<p>15 Klondike Gold Rush begins, 1896 Mine your own business.</p>	<p>16 National Relaxation Day Take it easy in an easy chair.</p>	<p>17 Watermelon Day in Viking, Minnesota Will Eric the Pink be there?</p>
<p>18 U.S. women get the right to vote, 1920 Spend a Susan B. Anthony dollar.</p>	<p>19 John Stamos born, 1963 Was his house full?</p>	<p>20 National Day in Hungary Put on your goulashes.</p>	<p>21 Kenny Rogers, singer, born, 1938 Will he get roasted?</p>	<p>22 Thirty-one days till the end of summer What aummer.</p>	<p>23 Great American Duck Race in Deming, New Mexico Get up at the quack of dawn.</p>	<p>24 Cal Ripken Jr., baseball player, born, 1960 He won't take today off.</p>
<p>25 Sean Connery, actor, born, 1930 At around .007.</p>	<p>26 Democratic National Convention begins Will they approve the Bill?</p>	<p>27 Confucius born, 551 BC How fortune-ate.</p>	<p>28 Scott Hamilton, Olympic gold medalist in skating, born, 1958 Luisa Lutz.</p>	<p>29 Charlie Parker, jazz saxophonist, born, 1920 To be or not to bop, that is the question.</p>	<p>30 Labor Day Weekend begins Work at playing.</p>	<p>31 National Foot Health Month ends Step into September.</p>



# They Came for the Games

**NICKELODEON MAGAZINE** got up close and personal with five people who will be taking part in the 1996 Olympics.



Let the flames begin: 1960 Olympic Decathlon gold-medalist Rafer Johnson runs the first leg of the 1996 Torch Relay (above), carrying the torch created by Sam Shelton (right).



## He's Flame-ous

Sam Shelton's bright ideas helped create the torches that were carried on the 15,000-mile Olympic Torch Relay. He's a professor of mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** How did you get the job designing the Olympic torch?

**Sam Shelton:** The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games had an artist's design of what the torch should look like, but they needed someone to construct it. They called me. My team and I did about thirty renderings on the computer before we built it.

**NM:** What is the torch made of?

**SS:** Aluminum, brass, and wood, with a steel fuel tank for propylene. It's thirty-two inches high, weighs three and a half pounds, and carries a quarter pound of fuel, which will burn for thirty to forty minutes.

**NM:** How many torches are there?

**SS:** About ten thousand, one for every person who's doing a leg of the relay. If they want, they can buy the torch for \$275.

**NM:** How did you make sure the flame wouldn't go out?

**SS:** That's what I worried about most. We built a burner and tested it in the lab with a wind tunnel and a water spray. We couldn't put it out. I took it home and put it under my shower; and it still wouldn't go out.

**NM:** What kind of safety problems did you have to take into account?

**SS:** That it's all about running with fire. I was worried that someone's hair would catch fire.

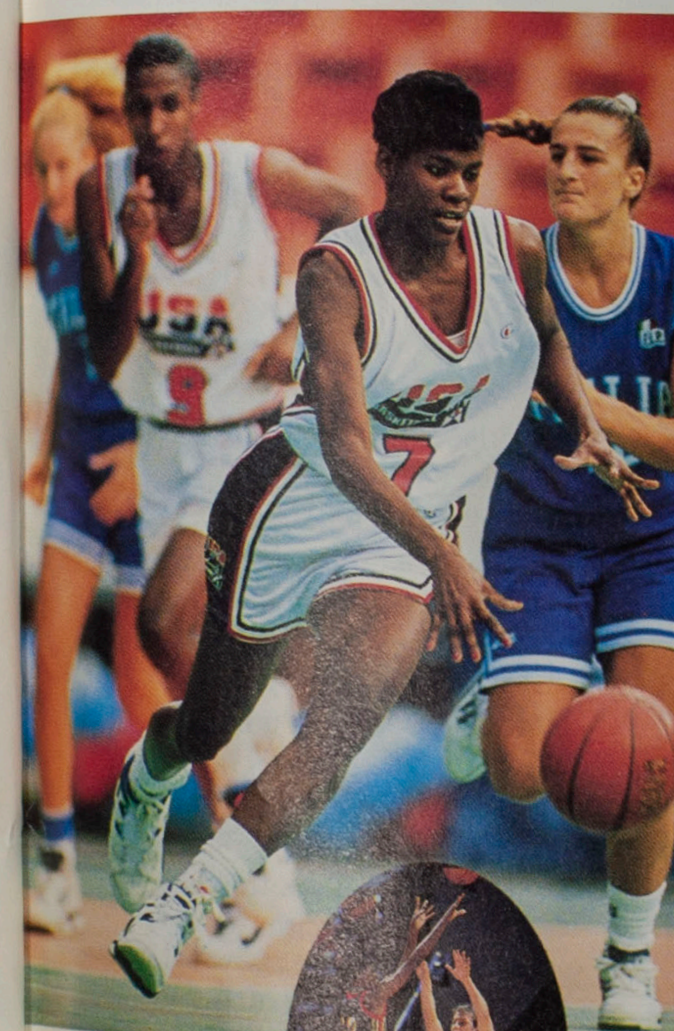
**NM:** What other things have you designed?

**SS:** I've developed a water heater and a natural gas heating and cooling appliance. I'm used to designing equipment that people want to hide. That's why I'm so proud of this torch.

**NM:** If you could cook anything over the Olympic torch what would it be?

**SS:** Bacon, because it smells good.

If it goes out, does he get fired?



She Swoopes, she scores: Sheryl competes in the 1994 Goodwill Games (above), and for Texas Tech in 1993 (right).



## Swoopes to the Hoops

Sheryl Swoopes is a guard/forward on the U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team. In 1993, she led Texas Tech to the 1993 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.



**Nickelodeon Magazine:** How old were you when you started playing basketball?

**Sheryl Swoopes:** I was seven. I played with my two older brothers in the backyard.

**NM:** When did you know you wanted to play in the Olympics?

**SS:** I set it as a goal when I was eight years old. I'm twenty-five now.

**NM:** How many hours a day did you practice?

**SS:** In high school, when I started to get serious, it was four or five hours a day. And I practiced on the weekends. Now, I practice twice as much.

**NM:** What's your favorite shot?

**SS:** Driving the baseline, pulling up, and making a jump shot.

**NM:** Growing up, who was your idol?

**SS:** Michael Jordan. I never got to see any women play basketball on TV, so I always watched everything he did. He could do no wrong.

**NM:** Do you do anything special before a game?

**SS:** I have a Snickers and Dr Pepper before every game.

**NM:** What sport do you stink at?

**SS:** Tennis. I'm horrible. I can hit the ball over the net, but it usually goes over the fence, too.

—S. Kirk Walsh

## Cookie Master

Senior Executive Chef Louis Ferretti cooked up the plan to feed all the Olympians. He's also fed athletes at the Olympics in Montreal, Lake Placid, Los Angeles, and Barcelona.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** How many meals will you make at the Olympics?

**Louis Ferretti:** We'll feed a total of five million people. At our peak, we'll be serving sixty thousand meals a day in the Olympic Village cafeteria alone.

**NM:** Who does the dishes?

**LF:** We'll have three hundred people doing cleanup.

**NM:** Over the years, have you met a lot of athletes in the cafeteria?

**LF:** Yes. As they came through the line, I'd get their autographs.

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Cooking the breakfast, lunch, and dinner of champions: Chef Louis Ferretti



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**NM:** Can athletes have unlimited seconds at the Olympic Village cafeteria?

**LF:** Oh yeah, they can have whatever they want. They eat a lot, but they exercise so much they just grind it right out.

**NM:** Do they eat a lot of dessert?

**LF:** They shy away from desserts during competition. But when they're finished, dessert is all they'll eat—that and the fried food.

**NM:** Have you ever caught an athlete raiding your fridge?

**LF:** No, but the athletes' cafeteria is open twenty-four hours.

**NM:** Can you fold a napkin into anything that looks Olympic?

**LF:** I can make a torch and a crown.

**NM:** How old were you when you learned to cook?

**LF:** Thirteen.

**NM:** And who taught you how?

**LF:** My parents. My dad was a chef, and he'd take me to work with him. I also made the pasta for my mother at home. I was always in the kitchen.

**NM:** Is there a food that you absolutely hate?

**LF:** Sautéed chicken livers. There's just something about them.

**NM:** What dish are you horrible at making?

**LF:** Gelatin products. They bounce too much.



Who won First Plate? Ready to be chewed up by the competition in the athletes' cafeteria in Los Angeles, 1984



Flop to it: Dwight jumping in 1984

## High and Dwi

Dwight Stones won bronze medals in the High Jump at the 1972 and 1976 Olympics. He also set nine world records for the high jump. This summer, he will be commenting on the track and field events for NBC Sports.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** How old were you when you started high jumping?

**Dwight Stones:** I saw it on *Wide World of Sports* when I was nine and tried it. A kid down the street had a bamboo pole that I used as a crossbar. I landed on mattresses.

**NM:** Have you ever jumped over anything really big?

**DS:** Every kid who high jumps leaps over the couch in the living room. I know I did.

**NM:** Have you ever jumped over a car?

**DS:** A few years ago I practiced jumping over a Jeep for a demonstration that never happened.

**NM:** How do you use your high-jumping abilities in everyday life?

**DS:** I've had to get stuff out of trees for my kids.

**NM:** When you commentate,

do you have to disguise who you're rooting for?

**DS:** There's no rooting. It's a requirement of the job that we be neutral.

**NM:** Do you think pole-vaulters are cheaters because they need a pole to get over the bar?

**DS:** No, I just think they're crazy to go that high.

**NM:** What's the best thing about competing in the Olympics?

**DS:** It's the ultimate expression of your athletic ability, and you're representing your country.

**NM:** Which is more fun—commentating or competing?

**DS:** Well, they're so different. I do enjoy commentating, and it's something I don't have to be in any kind of shape to do.

**NM:** Where do you keep your two Olympic bronze medals?

**DS:** They're in a glass frame over my fireplace.

**NM:** What sport do you stink at?

**DS:** On skis, I'm an accident waiting to happen.



## No Splashing!

**Hobie Billingsley** is a diving judge at the Olympics. He was a U.S. Olympic diving coach in 1968 and 1972.

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you while judging?

**Hobie Billingsley:** Once, I went to flip my score cards open and they fell in the pool. The kid is up on the diving board and I'm yelling like mad, "Hey, stop!" Everyone started to laugh.

**NM:** What are the elements of a great dive?

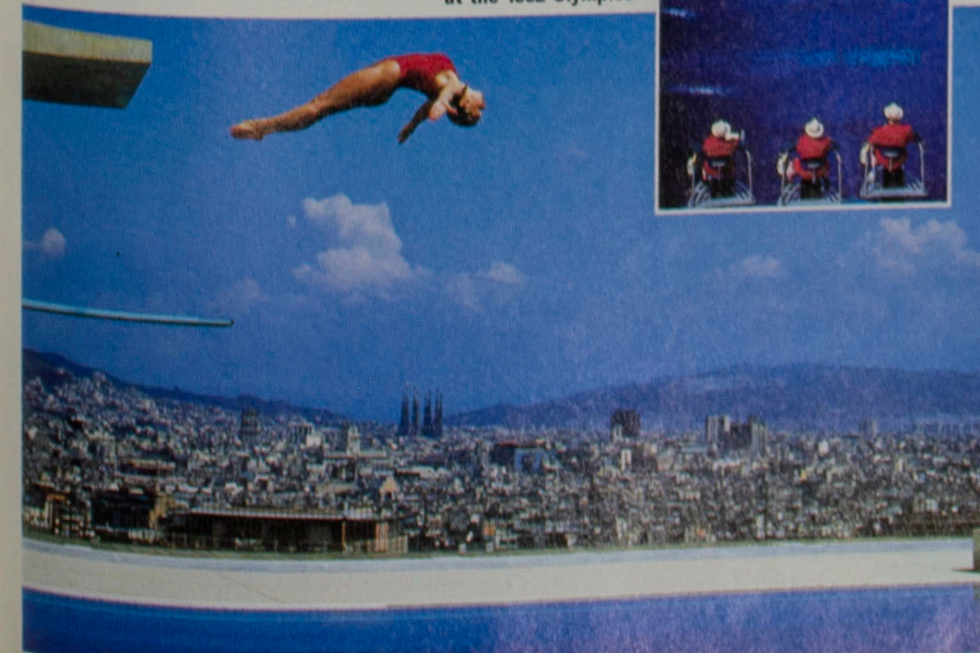
**HB:** To be graceful and make no extra moves, like a ski jumper. He's not moving. That's what makes a dive beautiful. And, of course, a nice entry into the water.

**NM:** How much splash is too much?

**HB:** Any splash is too much.

**NM:** How are Olympic judges chosen?

Look out below!  
Divers and judges  
at the 1992 Olympics



**HB:** The Olympic body in each country picks them.

**NM:** How can you tell how many revolutions a diver makes?

**HB:** Do you have any trouble counting the number of fingers put up in front of you? That's how easy it gets. When you've seen four revolutions enough times, you know four when you see them.

**NM:** How do you enter a pool—just dive in or dip your toe?

**HB:** I always put my foot in first to check the temperature.

**NM:** Do you prefer the belly flop or the cannonball?

**HB:** It depends on who's doing it. Right now, I wouldn't do either of them because I'm too old.

**NM:** What's the highest point you ever dove from?

**HB:** Fifty feet. I was too scared to dive, so I just jumped.

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# In Record Rhyme



Irish poet Rufus FitzPumpkin (right) is covering the Olympics for the *Irish Echo Echo Echo* newspaper. While planning his trip, Rufus wrote limericks about some of the events. Can you tell which sport each limerick describes?

Choose from: *Gymnastics, Pole Vault, 100-Meters, Badminton, Synchronized Swimming, Javelin*

1. To the games this summer I'm travellin'  
If my plans don't get all unravellin'.  
I'll sit in the back,  
Not close to the track  
So I don't get hit by a Javelin

3. There was a Pole from Warsaw named Walt.  
He spent nights drinking chocolate malts.  
By day he would run,  
And are like the sun,  
Which is what you do when you Pole Vault

5. With limbs that could stretch like elastic,  
She moved in a way that was drastic.  
She'd bend and contort—  
The key to this sport.  
That's how she won gold in Gymnastics

2. With such grace the twins were a-brimming.  
'Cross the pool the sisters were skimming.  
Doubled perfection—  
Mirrored reflections,  
For their sport was Sink Swimming

4. There's a sport with which I am smitten.  
Of this game there's not too much written.  
Your racket will fling  
A little white thing.  
It's the sport that's known as bad minton

6. Those women don't look like great eaters.  
But their legs, they churn like eggbeaters.  
They dash through their lanes,  
Much faster than planes.  
They're running the 100 meters

Answers on page 58.

## Verse Place Contest

Now see if you can pen **any** kind of poem about a sport—it doesn't have to be a limerick.  
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Welcome to America!

If you're from another country, America can seem like a strange place.  
And American customs can seem even stranger. This quick guide will help  
you understand some important American customs that you may encounter.

- Do not be alarmed if you see an American make a loud rumbling noise after another American has pulled his or her finger. Americans enjoy this activity.

- At meals, Americans like to laugh very hard and blow milk out of their noses.

- A "flat tire" occurs when an American steps on the back of another person's shoe, pulling down the heel. If this happens to you, smile.



## FUN AND GAMES

Don't be a Village idiot. Even when you're not competing, there's always something fun to do. Like...

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When you're not competing, here are some places in the Village to meet, greet, and eat.

## GETTING AROUND



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# YE OLDE OLYMPICS

This year marks the 100th birthday of the modern Olympic Games. But the ancient Olympics lasted more than 1,000 years. From what athletes wore to what they won, here are some highlights.

The first recorded Olympic Games were held to honor the gods in Olympia, Greece, in 776 BC. A short footrace was the only athletic event, but since the Greeks loved the arts, they also included music and drama in the festival.



## AND NOW, THE NUDES IN SPORTS

Athletes had to stay in tip-top shape for the Olympics. One place they did this was in state gymnasiums. And even though the athletes trained all day long, they never had to worry about sweaty, smelly clothes. That's because they worked out naked. (In fact, the word *gymnasium* comes from the Greek words for *naked* and *exercise*.)

## MOM AND HER BIG MOUTH

The only people allowed to compete were Greek males. Women, girls, and servants couldn't compete in or even watch the Games. (Women could participate in the similar all-female Heraea Games.) The no-women rule didn't keep one competitor's mother away, however. She disguised herself as a man and sneaked in. When her son won, she started cheering, and her voice gave her away. The customary punishment for this crime was to be thrown off a cliff, but she was spared because she was the mother of a champion.

## UNBELIEVA-BULL!

The gymnasium wasn't the only place for Olympians to exercise. Many athletes trained alone, following their own routines. It is said that Milo of Croton, a six-time Olympic wrestling champ, beefed up at home by carrying a calf around on his shoulders every day—getting stronger gradually as the calf grew into a bull.



## ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GET HURT

Some ancient Olympic events were just as strange as some of the training methods. Although all athletes competed naked, the Hoplite was a little different. It was a footrace in which the naked runners had to wear plumed helmets and carry shields. Boxing matches were as violent as the Hoplite was weird. The boxers fought until one of them was knocked out or surrendered. And the Pancratian was even more violent. It was a combination of boxing and wrestling, and the only rules were no biting or eye-gouging.

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## OLIVE THIS GAME!

Olympic champions didn't take home gold medals as they do now. Instead, they were awarded olive branches and received money from wealthy fans. Some Olympians didn't have to pay taxes, and poems and sculptures were created in their honor.

Winning an olive branch is the pits.



## SPOIL SPORTS

In 146 BC, the Romans took over Greece, and the Olympics along with it. The Games grew corrupt as men bought their way into competitions and paid spectators to cheer for them. The Games were discontinued in AD 393. After a break of nearly 1,500 years, the Games were successfully revived in Athens, Greece, in 1896.

# Face to Face

Take a good look at the boy on the left. He grew up to be one of the famous men on the right. Can you guess which one? Answer on page 58. **R**



Bob Dole  
Politician



David Schwimmer  
Actor



Jerry Seinfeld  
Comedian



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Schwimmer.  
I can only  
dog-paddle.



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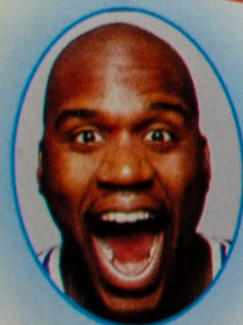
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# We Yak With SHAQ



You might not think basketball superstar **Shaquille O'Neal** could fit inside a boom box. After all, he is 7' 1" and weighs 300 pounds. But in *Kazaam*, a movie coming out this summer, Shaq stars as a genie who lives inside a boom box and has the power to grant wishes. Magic-man Shaq told **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE** about *his* wishes and more. **R**

**Nickelodeon Magazine:** If you could have three wishes from a genie, what would you wish for?

**Shaquille O'Neal:** An NBA Championship, good health, and a family of my own.

**NM:** What's more comfortable: your Orlando Magic uniform or your magic genie costume?

**SO'N:** Definitely my Magic uniform.

**NM:** What was your favorite part of making *Kazaam*?

**SO'N:** Hanging out with and playing practical jokes on Francis Capra, my twelve-year-old co-star.



**NM:** If you could win a gold medal in a sport other than basketball, what would it be?

**SO'N:** Jet Skiing. I have three Jet Skis. My friends and I race them on lakes.

**NM:** What do you do when you're not playing basketball or making movies?

**SO'N:** When I'm chillin', I like to drive around and listen to music.

**NM:** Do you have a favorite video game?

**SO'N:** Shaq-Fu and NBA Jam.

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**NM:** How many sneakers do you own?

**SO'N:** I wear a new pair for every game and I also have running shoes, casual shoes, and more. I couldn't really count all the shoes I have.

**NM:** When you were twelve years old, what were you like?

**SO'N:** Because of my height, I was shy. Being so much taller than everyone, I used to get made fun of a lot.

**NM:** How tall were you when you were twelve?

**SO'N:** I was five feet, ten-and-a-half inches. I weighed one hundred thirty-nine pounds. My shoe size was ten and a half.

**NM:** What's your shoe size now?

**SO'N:** Twenty-two.

**NM:** In gym class, what was your favorite sport?

**SO'N:** Basketball has always been my favorite game.

**NM:** How old were you when you first dunked?

**SO'N:** I wasn't able to dunk until I was sixteen. For a long time, I was uncoordinated. I had a tough time adjusting to my size.

**NM:** What advice do you have for kids who think they're not good athletes?

**SO'N:** Keep working hard because practice definitely pays off. But don't forget—success in the classroom is just as important as success on the court.

**NM:** At the Olympics, what will you do when you're not playing with the Dream Team?

**SO'N:** I'll enjoy the Olympic experience and support the other world-class athletes competing for the United States.

**NM:** Will you talk trash to players who don't speak English?

**SO'N:** I won't be talking trash. I'm going to Atlanta to play ball and represent my country. I'm all business on the court.

**NM:** How many hours a day do you practice basketball?

**SO'N:** During the season we practice at least two hours every day. Plus, a few times a day, I usually shoot around.

**NM:** Do you have a custom-made bed?

**SO'N:** Yes, and it's round so that no matter which way I turn, my feet never hang over the edge.

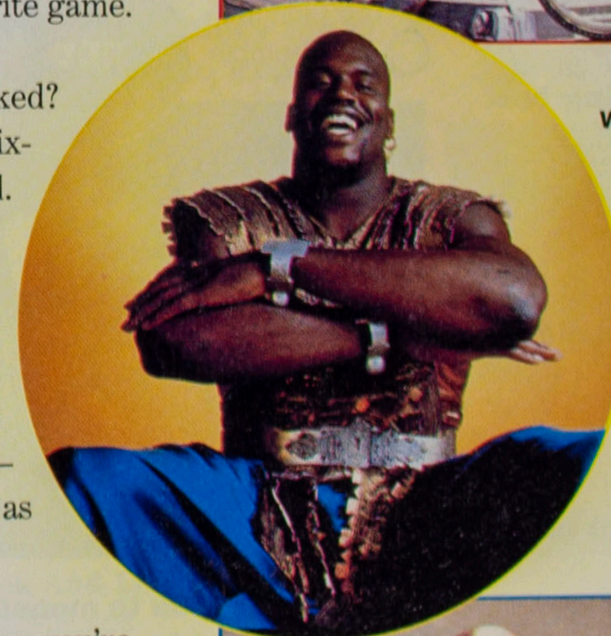


WE DREAM OF A GENIE  
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Above and below:  
Shaq with *Kazaam*  
co-star, Francis Capra

Left: Armed and ready

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# Are You Nicktooned In?

Take our quiz to find out if you are a Nicktoons know-it-all. Circle the correct answer to each question below.



## Rugrats

1. Which of the following best describes Chuckie?

- A. Cheese lover
- B. Brat
- ☒ C. Fraidy-cat

2. Which Rugrat is the oldest?

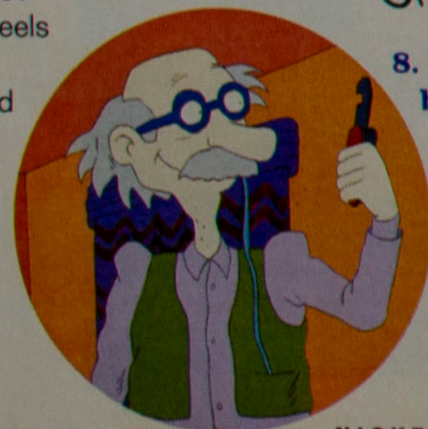
- A. Tommy
- ☒ B. Angelica
- C. Shag

3. What is Tommy's last name?

- ☒ A. Pickles
- B. Cucumbers
- C. Dill

4. What does Grandpa Lou like to do?

- A. Cartwheels
- ☒ B. Nap
- C. Eat fried squid



5. How are Stu and Drew related?

- A. They're cousins.
- ☒ B. They're brothers.
- C. They're married.

## AAAHH!!! Real Monsters

6. What is the name of the monsters' teacher?

- A. The Grump
- B. The Grinch
- ☒ C. The Gromble



7. What happens to monsters when they eat human food?

- A. They ask for seconds.
- B. They break out in spots.
- ☒ C. They get sick.

8. What is the monsters' textbook called?

- A. Fear and Trembling
- ☒ B. The Monster Manual
- C. How to Serve Man

9. What one thing can hypnotize a monster?

- A. An infomercial
- ☒ B. A lava lamp
- C. A blinking VCR clock

10. Where does Krumm keep his eyes at night?

- A. In his mouth
- B. In his shoes
- ☒ C. In a glass of water

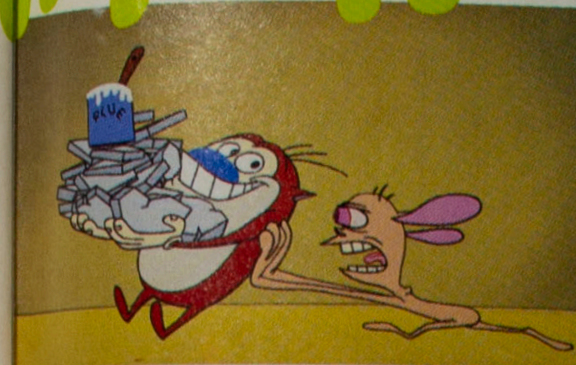
11. How do monsters know when class is over?

- ☒ A. A Belch Monster burps.
- B. Dracula appears.
- C. The teacher's head falls off.

## The Ren & Stimpy Show

12. Which of the following is a song on The Ren & Stimpy Show?

- ☒ A. "Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy!"
- B. "Come On, Get Happy"
- C. "I'm a Little Teapot"



13. What does Ren like to say to Stimpy?

- A. "To the moon, Stimpy!"
- ☒ B. "You eediot!"
- C. "Dy-no-mutt!"

14. Ren and Stimpy's favorite breakfast superhero is:

- A. Cap'n Crunch
- B. Cruller Crusader
- ☒ C. Powdered Toastman

15. And where does that superhero's strength come from?

- ☒ A. Crust
- B. Vitamin F
- C. Cinnamon

16. Log is:

- A. Stimpy's long-lost brother
- B. Ren's only child
- ☒ C. A toy



## Rocko's Modern Life

17. When Rocko is upset, what does he do?

- A. He sneezes.
- ☒ B. He bites his fingernails.
- C. He goes shopping.

18. Where does Ed Bighead work?

- A. Littlehead Industries
- ☒ B. Conglom-O-Corp
- C. Cranium Inc.



19. What does Slippery the Slug leave behind him wherever he goes?

- A. Jell-O molds
- ☒ B. A slimy trail
- C. Bread crumbs

20. What is Really Really Big Man's superpower?

- ☒ A. His chest can see into the future.
- B. He can crack his knuckles.
- C. He can turn homework into pizza.

21. What kind of animal are Chuck and Leon?

- A. Dachshunds
- ☒ B. Chameleons
- C. Armadillos

## Doug

22. Doug's dog is named:

- A. Tenderloin
- B. Chop Suey
- ☒ C. Porkchop



23. What is Doug's favorite pizza topping?

- A. Banana
- B. Pineapple
- ☒ C. Chocolate

24. What does Skeeter want to be when he gets older?

- A. A Ping-Pong player
- ☒ B. An astronaut
- C. An adult

25. What is Patti Mayonnaise's favorite sport?

- A. Basketball
- B. Foosball
- ☒ C. Beetball

26. Who is Derek Derekson?

- ☒ A. The World's Greatest Shakespearean Figure Skater
- B. The World's Smallest Man
- ☒ C. A talk-show host




27. Where does Doug live?

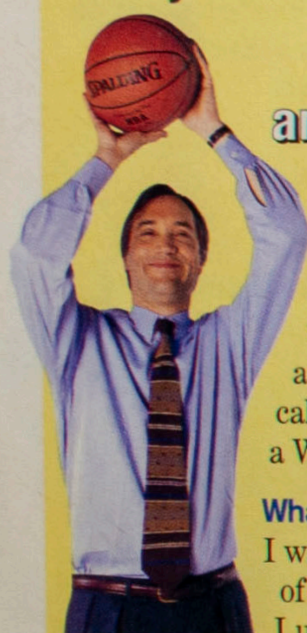
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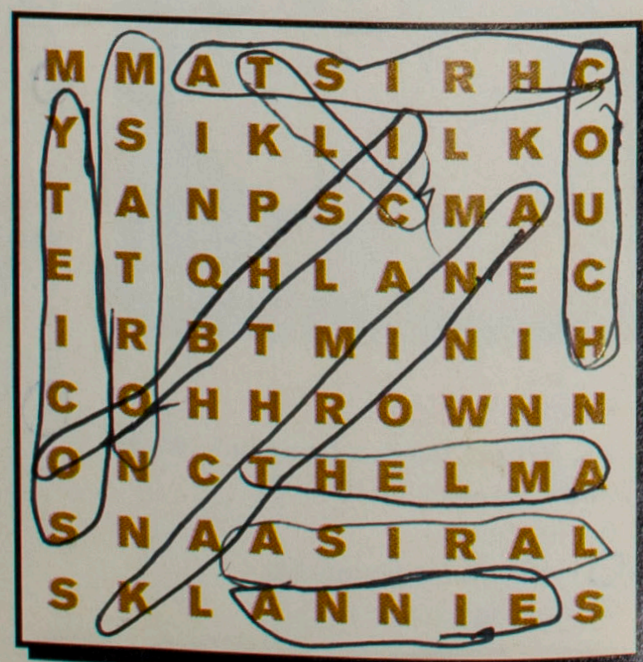
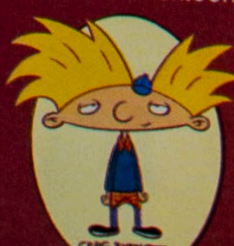
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## What's New on Nick

Brand-new episodes of *The Secret World of Alex Mack* begin at the end of August during **SNICK**. But don't get too comfy watching *Alex Mack* on Saturdays. Starting October 8th, the show will move to Tuesdays and Thursdays. That's because Nickelodeon gets to stay up an extra half hour—until 8:30 PM—every weeknight. Watch *Hey Arnold* (below), a new Nicktoon about a nine-year-old boy growing up in a big city, on Mondays and Wednesdays. And on Fridays, check out *KaBlam!*, where comics and cartoons collide.

All times are for eastern and Pacific time zones. Shows air one hour earlier in the central time zone. Shows subject to change. Check your local listings for details.



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8. The club the kids belong to on *Are You Afraid of the Dark*? is the Midnight S o c i e t y.
9. What is the name of the android on *Space Cases*? T H e l m a
10. What is the name of the *Space Cases*' ship? C h a r s t a

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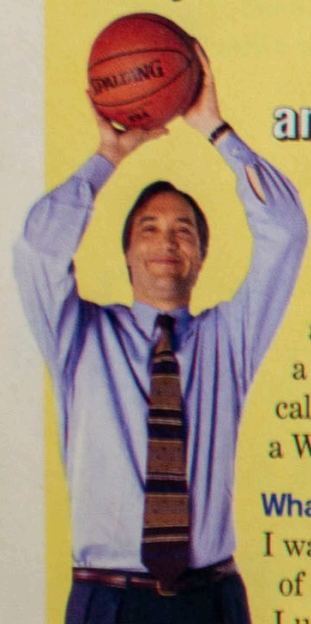
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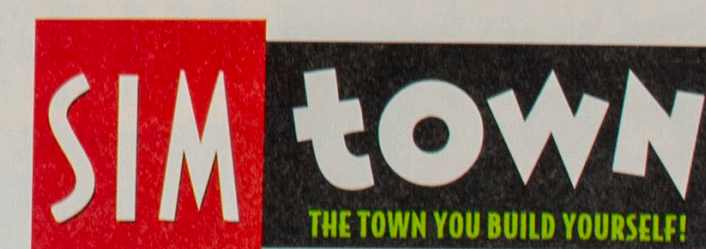
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# Whatever You Want

## Say What?

In our March 1996 issue, we asked you to give these people something to think and say. Here are our favorite entries.

**Woman:** Those are nice, honey.

**Man:** Yeah, and they only cost \$5.

**Girl:** Well, they're too big to flush down the toilet, so I'll have to bury them in the backyard.

Kate T., age 10  
Ship Bottom, New Jersey

**Woman:** I like my little girl to dress for success.

**Man:** They seem to be a perfect fit.

**Girl:** When I get older, I'll run for president. I should be a *shoe-in*!

Christopher S., age 8  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Woman:** Do they have to be polished?

**Man:** Yes, with ketchup.

**Girl:** Awesome. I want them!

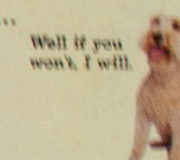
Andrew S., age 9  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Woman:** Are you sure those strawberry shoes will fit?

**Man:** They don't fit as well as the coconut ones, but....

**Girl:** All I know is, I'm *not* going to eat them.

Ashlee B., age 10  
Missoula, Montana



## A Stitch-in-Rhyme Contest

In our March 1996 issue, we asked you to compose a poem about an item of clothing. Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions. Each winner received Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, Smud, and other prizes.

## My Boots

My boots keep my feet so snugly  
In the weather that is ugly.  
They keep my feet so very warm  
In a winter rain and storm.  
I love my boots so very much.  
They give my feet a special touch.  
When I am walking down the street,  
All the joy is in my feet.

Zoe L., age 9  
Brooklyn, New York

## Winners

## My Favorite Hat

I can't believe my favorite hat  
Was on the chair where Grandpa sat.  
Wind was blowing around my head,  
I needed my hat, the one that's red.  
When Grandpa finally got off the chair,  
I looked and thought it wasn't there.  
My hat was flatter than a dime.  
Too bad he didn't get off in time.

Daniel F., age 7  
Brooklyn, New York

## Shoe

Mischievous dog  
All alone in a bedroom  
My torn, tattered shoe

Amanda K., age 13  
Chicago, Illinois





### Fire Ants

In the summer I like to wear pants  
To keep away the fire ants.  
They seem to come out when I snack.  
That's why I always wear those slacks.

I watch the ants crawl in the dirt,  
Making sure they're not on my shirt.  
If they get on me when I play,  
I run fast to get away.

David M., age 8  
Plymouth, Minnesota

### My Two Aunties

I once had two aunts.  
They had bell-bottom pants.  
They went to a dance  
To prance in their bell-bottom pants.  
They hoped their pretty pants  
Would create a chance for romance.  
But unfortunately my aunts  
Did not receive one tiny glance.

Beth Diane N., age 13  
Loretto, Tennessee

### Honorable Mentions

#### Leotards

Leotards are stretchy, they can move in any way.  
You can sling your siblings with them; for their lives they'll pray.  
Yellow, red, blue, black, colors they will vary.  
Depending on which store, different colors they will carry.  
They come with stylish sequins: gold, silver, blue.  
Or, maybe even short skirts, a little pink tutu.  
Buy a leotard today, jump up in a hurry.  
Then run around slinging, stretching in a great big fury.

Cathy B., age 10  
Ardmore, Pennsylvania

#### Tights Are a Problem

Have you ever fought  
With a pair of tights?  
Pulling them up  
Can be a terrible fight.

They're baggy at the ankles,  
And at the waist there's a roll.  
You finally get them right.  
Then...ooops! There's a hole.

Stephanie S., age 6  
Saint Clairsville, Ohio

#### My Socks

I will tell you about my toes  
And their favorite set of clothes.  
Whenever I wear socks, I know  
There is a smile on every toe.

Socks can be plaid or plain.  
I can wear them in the sun or rain.  
Wherever I go, however I am clad,  
My socks are keeping my toes glad.

Jaime B., age 14  
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania

#### Shirts and Their Itchy Tags

On my shirt there is an itchy tag.  
I ask my mom to throw it in a garbage bag.  
It itches. It scratches.  
It leaves my back with blotchy patches.  
I really hate to be a nag,  
But please throw my shirt in a garbage bag.

Julie L., age 11  
Buffalo Grove, Illinois

#### Smocks

There's nothing nicer than a smock.  
It smells much nicer than a sock.  
Grape juice, chocolate, or paint that's green,  
A smock will always keep you clean.

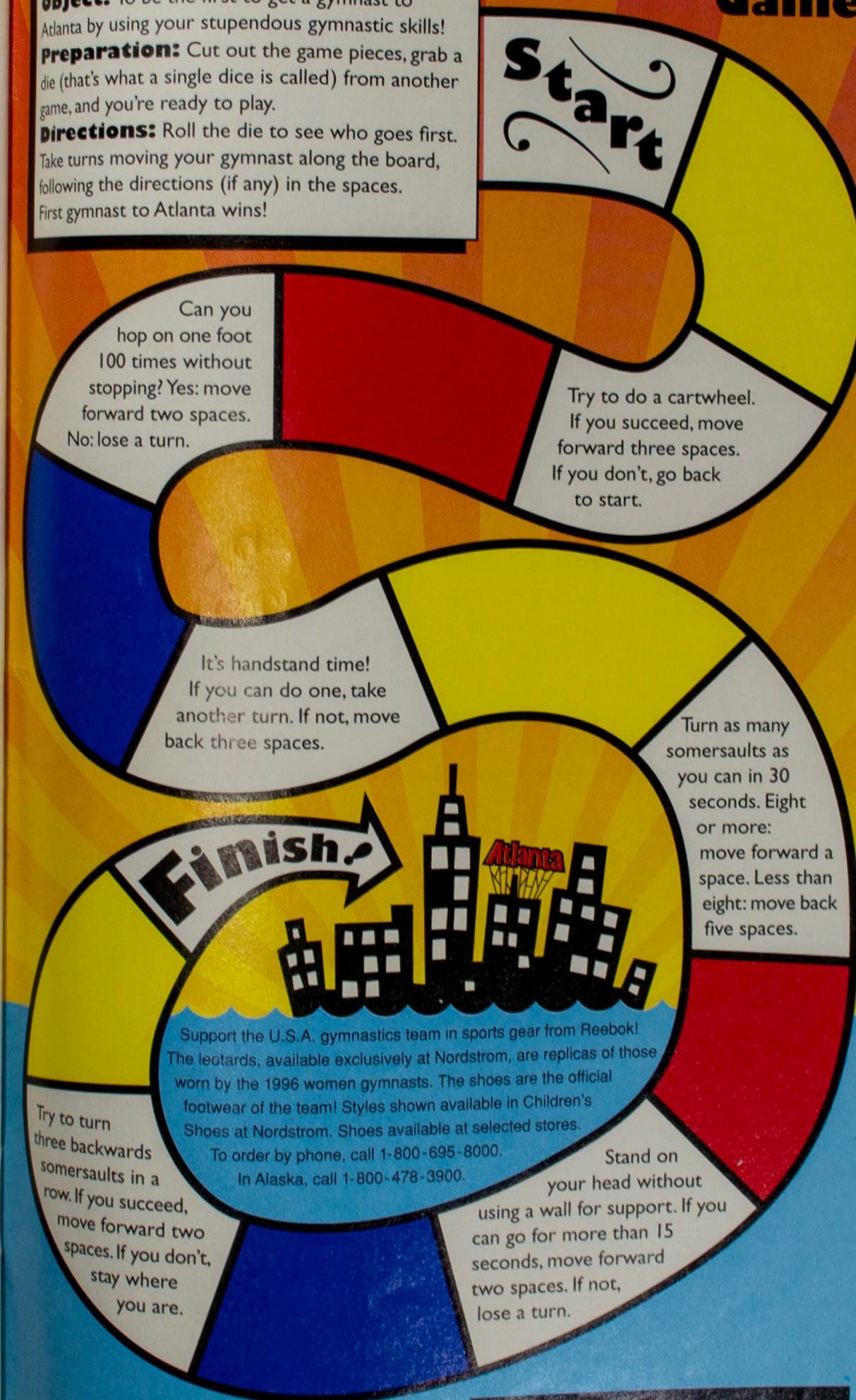
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# ANSWERS

**SPELL WHAT?** (page 5)

The correct spelling is booger (5). According to Webster's Tenth New Collegiate Dictionary, a booger is "a piece of dried nasal mucus."

**SWEAT SEARCH** (page 10)

**The 12 old Olympic sports are:** Motor Boating, Croquet, Tug of War, Stone Throw, 56-Pound Weight Throw, Rope Climbing, Club Swinging, Dueling Pistol, Swimming Obstacle Race, Plunge for Distance, 100-Meter Freestyle for Sailors, Underwater Swimming.

The seven new Olympic sports are: Mixed Doubles Badminton, Women's Soccer, Team Synchronized Swimming, Cross-country Cycling (Mountain Biking), Women's Softball, Beach Volleyball, Women's Team Rhythmic Gymnastics. **Swimming** was not a sport in the ancient Olympics.

**WARNING: QUIZ BELOW** (page 13)

1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A, 5-B, 6-B, 7-C, 8-A.

**IN RECORD RHYME** (page 42)

1-Javelin, 2-Synchronized Swimming, 3-Pole Vault, 4-Badminton, 5-Gymnastics, 6-100-Meters.

**FACE TO FACE** (page 47)

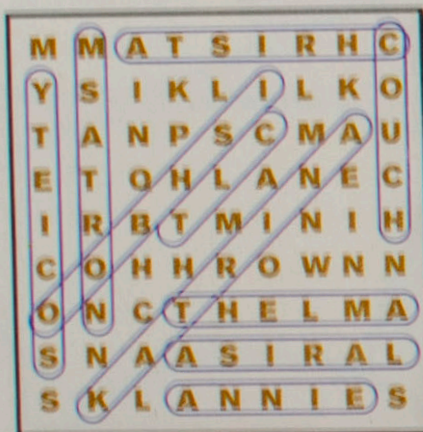
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15-B, 16-C, 17-B, 18-B, 19-B, 20-A,  
21-B, 22-C, 23-A, 24-B, 25-C, 26-A,  
27-B.

**FIND SNICK** (page 52)

1-Couch, 2-Larisa, 3-Ms. Atron,  
4-Annie, 5-TLC, 6-Katrina, 7-Ishboo,  
8-Society, 9-Thelma, 10-Christa.



**GOOF**  
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In our "Best of the Beasts" article in the May issue, we wrote that anacondas are the longest snakes. While the anaconda is the longest snake of the boa constrictor family, and the heaviest and thickest of all snakes (up to three feet around), the reticulated python is typically the longest snake. They have been measured at more than 34 feet long.

In our May calendar, we wrote that Cy Young pitched the first perfect baseball game on May 5, 1904. He actually pitched the first perfect game of the 20th century. John Lee Richmond of the Worcester National League Team pitched the first perfect game in professional baseball history on June 12, 1880, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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